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SUBJECT:ESCAP: PROPOSED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING
ON WATER

REF: SIRIWARDENE/SKIFF LETTER, JUNE 9

1. US SUPPORTS HOLDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON WATER
IN EARLY 1979, AND WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE FULLY
WITH APPROPRIATE DELEGATION. HOWEVER, OUR FEELING IS THAT
FINAL DECISION SHOULD BE MADE BY REGIONAL MEMBERS' EXPRES-
SIONS OF SUPPORT AND WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE.

2. PROPOSED APRIL/MAY 1979 DATE IS FINE. THIS WOULD
ENABLE RESULTS OF JANUARY SPECIAL SESSION OF UN COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES (WHICH WILL FOCUS ON WATER CONFERENCE)
TO BE INCORPORATED INTO AGENDA. ALSO, COUNTRIES WILL BE
TO BE INCORPORATED INTO AGENDA. ALSO, COUNTRIES WILL BE
ABLE TO BETTER PREPARE FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF ECOSOC ON
1980-1990 INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF DRINKING WATER AND
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SANITATION, WHICH RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION DURING THE
LAST ESCAP FOLLOW-UP MEETING, AND IS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO
USG.

3. IF MEETING IS APPROVED WE HOPE SCOPE OF AGENDA WILL BE
BROADER THAN PREVIOUS SESSION, WHICH FOCUSSED MAINLY ON
WATER TOPICS IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. VANCE

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